

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, driver software for controlling ~~an~~ the output device being included in the data processing device, and comprising:

a first controller for determining whether data on output request passes the driver software, in sending data to the output device; and

a second controller for prohibiting data from being sent to the output device for output request on which data bypasses the driver software.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, driver software for controlling ~~an~~ the output device being included in the data processing device, and comprising:

an encryptor for encrypting data passing the driver software, provided on the data processing device, but not for encrypting data sent to the output device that bypasses said driver software; and

a decryptor for decrypting data encrypted by the encryptor and output data that bypasses said driver software, provided on the output device.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, driver software for controlling ~~an~~ the output device being included in the data processing device, and comprising:

a prohibiting controller for prohibiting data bypassing said driver software to be output to the output device, but allowing data passing the driver software to be output to the output device, by setting a value which is different from

an ordinary value for outputting data to the output device, in response to a data output request to the output device from the data processing device.

Claim 4 (original): An output system as described in claim 3, wherein said setting is a value stored to a specific register.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An output method used in an output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, comprising:

determining whether data on output request passes driver software for controlling the output device, in sending data to the output device from the data processing device, said driver software incorporated in the data processing device; and

prohibiting data from being sent to the output device for the request on which data bypasses the driver software.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An output method used in an output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, comprising:

encrypting data passing the driver software included in the data processing device, on the data processing device side, but not encrypting data that bypasses said driver software when sent to the output device; and

decrypting the encrypted data, on the output device side, wherein said decrypting is performed on said non-encrypted data, if present.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program run on an output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting in a specific format data sent from the data processing device, said program comprising steps of:

determining whether data on output request passes driver software for controlling the output device, in sending data to the output device from the data

processing device, said driver software incorporated in the data processing device;  
and

prohibiting data from being sent to the output device for the request on  
which data bypasses the driver software.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium  
for storing a program run on a data processing device for sending data to an output  
device for outputting in a specific format, comprising steps of:

encrypting ~~an~~ output data from an application program run on the data  
processing device that passes driver software stored in the data processing device  
for controlling the output device, and

outputting the encrypted data to the output device, wherein said step of  
encrypting is not performed for data output to the output device that bypasses the  
driver software.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium as  
~~described in claim 8~~ for storing a program run on a data processing device for  
sending data to an output device for outputting in a specific format, comprising steps  
of:

encrypting output data from an application program run on the data  
processing device, and

outputting the encrypted data to the output device, wherein the  
~~encrypting~~ encrypting step sets a specific password for output data from the  
application program.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium  
for storing an installer program for installing driver software for ~~using the~~ controlling  
an output device to, said driver software being called by a data processing device ~~for~~  
outputting to output data to ~~an~~ the output device ~~for output~~ in a specific format, said  
installer program comprising steps of:

installing the driver software to the data processing device; and

installing a program for prohibiting data on output request from being sent to the output device, for request on which data bypasses the driver software.